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## A&M Junior Hopes 800 Students Seeking 80 To Realize Dream **Scholarships** comeback, the all-regional piccolo

and control.

player took up golf in 1960.

golf ball out," noted Adams.

He shoots to a 12 to 14 handi-

in a game that requires firmness

"Johnny can really wear that

FOCKE, WHO WILL MAKE

medical school application this

summer, also works 15 minutes

daily on an exercise program set

up by Dr. C. E. Williford of Mex-

ia. The Exer-genie program is

similar to that used by the SWC

champion Aggies and numerous

This year's Maroon Band schol-

astic sergeant, Focke has a 2.08

grade point ratio which should

A&M's pre-medicine curriculum

is a three-year program, but

Focke is going a four-year route

for a chemistry degree that also

fulfills pre-medicine requirements.

discover I don't want to be a

doctor, I'll have a degree," the

21-year-old Aggie explained.

"If I get into med school and

"MY MAIN INTEREST is this

disease that crippled me," he went

on. "I was in the hospital 57 days

and saw so many people suffering

with the same thing. I'd just like

to see if there's something I can

Focke plans to commute from

Mexia to Waco for summer school

this year, "to help lighten the

load somewhat for next year. It

won't hurt me when I get into

One of three pre-medicine ma-

jors in the band. Focke serves

as a special assistant to the di-

rector. He played for the recent

taping for a stereo album of

While indoor practice is under-

way, he is armed with a stop-

watch to check cadence, which

in corps march-ins and reviews

must remain close to 120 beats

help do about it."

med school either."

Aggie band music.

per minute.

get him into med school.

professional teams.

Texas A&M's Faculty Scholarship Committee is becoming more cap with consistent low-80s scores selective in choosing award winners.

The reason is simple, explains Dr. Wayne C. Hall, academic vice president and Faculty Scholarship Committee chairman. Applicants are becoming more astute and numerous.

A record 800 high school seniors filed applications this spring for **Opportunity** Award Scholarships. Of that number, 80 were selected.

"Members of the Faculty Scholarship Committee are greatly impressed," Dr. Hall commented, with the outstanding scholastic achievements of high school students applying for scholarships and admission to the university this year."

Robert M. Logan, Student Financial Aid director and secretary of the Faculty Scholarship Committee, said cut-off scores on the scholastic aptitude test were 291 points higher than last year.

In 1967, the committee considered seniors who scored a minimum 983 on the SAT test, perhaps better known as the college entrance exam. The score soared to 1,274 this spring.

Logan said a Corpus Christi youngster scored 1,579—just 21 points away from a perfect 1,600. Necessity for financial assistance also is considered in choosing Opportunity Award Scholarship recipients, Logan pointed

out. Opportunity Award Scholarships range from \$250 to \$800 per year.

The committee has announced 134 high school seniors as winners of Educational Opportunity Grants. Financial need, Logan noted, plays a more important part in the committee's final decision although scholastic achievement is considered.

Logan said the SAT cut-off score for Educational Opportunity Grants was 985, an increase of 125 points over last year.

## **Board Of Directors Accept** Loans, Grants Of \$889,180

Texas A&M's Board of Directors Saturday accepted \$889,180 in gifts, grants, loans, scholarships, fellowships and awards to the A&M System.

Capital gifts totaled \$12,817 with \$10,000 of that sum given by the Houston Contracting Company to endow the R. P. Gregory Memorial Fund in Engineering. Scholarships, fellowships and

awards amounted to \$30,087. These included \$6,000 from the Ella C. McFadden Charitable Trust, \$3,600 each from the Tenneco Foundation and the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation, and \$1,720 from Albritton Engineering Corp.

ors, having provided financial

setting the pace for a \$489,821 total research and grants-in-aid. A&M's fund for academic excellence was increased by \$99,771 by the Association of Former Students. Tenneco Foundation gave \$5,400 to the Petroleum Engineering Department and the Research Corporation Foundation added \$4,500 to support the Chemistry Department's research program. Grants-in-aid to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station amounted to \$210,137. Biggest single gift, \$130,000, came from the National Cotton Council to support research in weed control in cotton in the Southern Great Plains.



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